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Mr. Walter W. Meek
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Dear Mr. Meek:

I have read your letter requesting additional time to respond to the Staff's proposed rule on electric competition, and would agree with you that the subject matter warrants ample opportunity for all interested parties to provide their unique viewpoint and perspective. I, therefore, want to assure you that the staff intends to follow the state's procedures for rulemaking should the Commission vote to initiate a rulemaking procedure on the basis of the Staff proposal. If this occurs, each participant in the Commission's electric competition docket, including the Arizona Utility Investors Association, will have an additional period of over thirty days to provide written and/or verbal comments prior to a final vote by the Commission.

I pledge to keep you informed at each stage of the Commission's action on the Staff proposal. If I can be of any other assistance, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

Gary Yaquinto
Director
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